Crop Progress & Condition Report

Week ending April 11, 2010 | **Released: 3:00 P.M., April 12, 2010**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 11, 2010**. Most of the state had a warm, dry week resulting in a significant increase in corn emerged. Many growers took advantage of favorable weather conditions to catch up on fieldwork. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending April 11, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Corn, planted	75	55	76	75
Corn, emerged	49	15	49	56
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	13	8	9	6
Rice, planted	13	10	13	12
Rice, emerged	3	0	1	2
Sorghum, planted	8	0	3	8
Soybeans, planted	10	6	11	20
Soybeans, emerged	3	0	2	8
Watermelons, planted	49	40	49	50
Winter Wheat, jointing	82	68	85	90
Winter Wheat, heading	1	0	35	32

Crop condition for week ending April 11, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Blueberries	2	0	9	84	5
Corn	0	0	36	61	3
Livestock	3	16	29	43	9
Pasture	2	16	35	37	10
Watermelons	0	0	1	99	0
Winter Wheat	0	8	34	49	9

Comments

"Winter wheat crops are sturdy, but haven't begun heading yet. Some early planted soybeans have recently emerged. Farmers are anticipating dry and warm weather to get the remaining crops in the ground."

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

"Dry conditions will allow growers to get back in the field today or tomorrow to plant more corn, soybeans and rice. We might plant some cotton this week."

— Don Respess, Coahoma

"Producers had a couple of days to apply burndown herbicides to fields."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

"We got a half inch of rain Wednesday night that stopped everything. We may be able to get back in late in the weekend or the first of the week to finish planting corn. Four good days and we would be finished on the corn."

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

"Field activities have increased due to the increase in dry weather."

— Patrick Poindexter Alcorn

"Growers in Central MS are finally getting a chance to make significant progress with fieldwork. Most of the corn will be planted within the next 7 to 10 days if good weather prevails. By that time, I expect that some growers will begin planting other crops as well."

— Ernest Flint, Attala

"A week without rain was a blessing for all of us. Pastures, gardens, hay fields, row crop fields, and lawns are getting to the point that some work can get done in them."

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

"Mississippi River was to have crested over the weekend. Several acres are under water along the river."

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

"Growers will resume field operations today. Warm weather will allow a lot of planting this week."

— Don Respess, Quitman

"We had a few good days of fieldwork early in the week. Mostly corn and soybeans planted right now. We've at least had time to get the groundwork done for cotton and rice."

— Jimbo Burkhalter Tallahatchie

"It only rained in the early hours on one day in Itawamba County this past week."

— Romona Edge, Itawamba

"Drier conditions allowed fieldwork to begin. Corn and soybean planting has been delayed by cool soil temperatures."

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

"Slow week due to wet weather."

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

"Some fieldwork started late in the week but only west of Highway 49 in the southern part of the county. Corn is growing. Soybeans are emerging."

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

"Rain has slowed planting and fieldwork this week."

Lester Stephens, Washington

"Corn planting is going and a few soybeans were planted this week. Field prep is progressing well for sweet potato and cotton acreage."

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

"Row crop farmers have planted the majority of corn acres this past week in Clay County with only low lying areas having not been planted but with the predictions of dry weather this coming week they should be able to get all corn planted."

— Reid Nevins, Clay

"Almost all the corn in my area is planed and emerged. The farmers are focusing on getting the bean crop planted now. The rain held off for the most part this week and that allowed us to spend some time in the fields planting seeds. The corn and soybeans that have been planted and emerged look pretty good for the most part."

— Bill Maily, Hinds

"Commercial vegetable crops are doing well and 100% of commercial tomato crop is set out. Winter forages doing well."

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

"Mostly good field conditions. Fruit growers hope all chances of frost are past."

Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

"This past week had perfect conditions for fieldwork. Soybeans, corn, watermelons, and peanuts continue to be planted. Bees are intensively working blueberry fields. Blueberry growers are beginning to feel a sigh of relief as we are past frost date. Pastures and hay fields are responding well to the warmer day and nighttime temperatures."

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 11, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	82	42	63	60	3	0.65	-0.54	1	2.81				
Cleveland	83	43	64	61	3	0.75	-0.61	1	2.77				
Lambert 1W	82	41	63			0.76	-0.36	1	2.91				
Tunica 2N	83	44	65	60	5	0.85	-0.50	2	3.55				
Extreme/Average	83	41	64	61	3	0.75	-0.56	1	3.01				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	85	38	64	59	5	0.71	-0.62	1	3.52				
Hickory Flat	84	33	61	57	4	0.97	-0.31	1	4.82				
Holly Springs 4N	85	32	61	56	5	0.87	-0.39	1	4.57				
Independence	83	36	62	58	4	0.87	-0.25	1	3.90				
Oxford	85	37	64	58	6	0.72	-0.49	1	4.95				
Water Valley	84	37	61	59	2	0.70	-0.63	1	2.93				
Extreme/Average	85	32	62	59	3	0.81	-0.46	1	4.12				
Northeast													
Booneville	83	36	62	58	4	0.63	-0.59	2	3.91				
Corinth 7SW	83	38	62	60	2	0.75	-0.47	1	3.67				
Iuka	85	31	60	55	5	0.40	-0.82	1	6.10				
Tupelo 2	79	43	62			0.35		1	2.95				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	85	38	63	59	4	0.55	-0.78	1	3.44				
Verona	86	41	64	59	5	0.35	-0.91	1	2.81				
Extreme/Average	86	31	62	59	3	0.51	-0.75	1	3.81				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	84	44	66	61	5	0.37	-0.97	1	2.03				
Moorhead	84	44	66	62	4	0.38	-0.95	1	2.63				
Rolling Fork	86	43	67	61	6	0.64	-0.70	1	2.53				
Yazoo City 5NNE	86	43	68	62	6	0.46	-0.98	1	1.91				
Extreme/Average	86	43	67	62	5	0.46	-0.87	1	2.40				
Central													
Canton 4N	84	39	65	62	3	0.44	-0.92	1	2.85				
Eupora 2E	86	36	63	59	4	0.27	-1.08	1	1.49				
Forest 3S	85	38	64	61	3	0.87	-0.55	1	3.80				
Kosciusko	86	40	64	60	4	0.30	-1.08	1	3.79				
Winona 5E	83	35	64	57	7	0.57	-0.77	1	3.57				
Extreme/Average	86	35	64	61	3	0.49	-0.91	1	3.72				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	86	40	63	59	4	0.50	-0.77	1	1.66				
Columbus	87	45	67	61	6	0.56	-0.77	1	3.16				
State University	88	41	64	60	4	0.47	-0.87	1	2.67				
Extreme/Average	88	40	65	61	4	0.51	-0.84	1	2.50				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City	84	38	62	62	0	0.25	-1.24	1	1.19				
Crystal SPRG Exp	84	41	66	63	3	0.19	-1.28	1	1.63				
Natchez	83	31	65	64	1	0.11	-1.36	1	1.87				
Oakley Exp	87	38	66	61	5	0.50	-0.97	1	2.84				
Port Gibson 1NE	86	38	65	60	5	0.36	-1.04	1	2.43				
Vicksburg	84	45	67			0.49		1	2.53				
Woodville 4ESE	83	41	67	64	3	0.05	-1.43	1	0.93				
Extreme/Average	87	31	65	63	2	0.28	-1.17	1	2.12				
South-Central													
Collins	83	40	64	62	2	0.00	-1.32	0	1.60				
Columbia	86	43	67	63	4	1.05	-0.36	1	2.57				
Monticello	88	40	67	62	5	0.80	-0.67	1	0.80				
Raleigh 6N	83	37	63			0.76		1	0.81				
Extreme/Average	88	37	65	63	2	0.65	-0.75	1	1.66				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	85	42	65	64	1	1.36	0.03	1	4.45				
Laurel	85	42	64	62	2	0.09	-1.13	1	1.60				
Newton Exp	83	39	63	60	3	0.95	-0.52	1	3.41				
Waynesboro 2W	86	41	66	62	4	1.77	0.66	1	2.99				
Extreme/Average	86	39	65	62	3	1.04	-0.27	1	3.11				
State	88	31	64	61	3	0.61	-0.73	1	2.93				

DFN = Departure from Normal.